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VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, }
February 13th, 1861. }

To

SIR:—We have the honor to inform you, that a Public Meeting was held here yesterday, at which His Excellency the Governor presided, for the purpose of considering the desirability of these Colonies joining in the Great International Industrial Exhibition, to be held in London in 1862.

We append the resolutions adopted, from which you will perceive that the meeting was preliminary only.

It was strongly felt that the joint co-operation of both Colonies was highly necessary for successfully carrying out an effort, which, if undertaken by either separately, might fail: in order, however, to hasten the initiation of so desirable an enterprise, it was deemed advisable that a Public Meeting should take place in Victoria without the delay which must intervene before communications could reach us from the various towns of British Columbia.

A highly respectable and tolerably large General Committee was appointed yesterday, including the names of many residents in British Columbia; but still with the expectation that many more gentlemen resident in and conversant with British Columbia would be added, in order to secure unity of action, and that the views of the inhabitants of that Colony should be fully represented.

To this end, the Sixth Resolution was framed, and we are directed, in furtherance thereof, to invite your hearty co-operation in this most important undertaking, and to request your assistance in bringing it before the public in your neighborhood, in such a manner as to secure the united action of the two Colonies in furtherance of a common object for the common good.

We have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servants,

CHAS. B. WOOD, }
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH, } Honorary Secretaries.

RESOLUTIONS,

Adopted at a Public Meeting, held at the Court House, Victoria, February 12th, 1861, His Excellency the Governor in the chair:

I. *Resolved*—That it is expedient that the productions of these Colonies should be represented at the Great International Industrial Exhibition to be held in London in 1862; and that a General Committee be appointed for the purpose of making more generally known the objects of the Exhibition Meeting at stated intervals, and with full power to superintend, manage and control the collection, arrangement and transmission of our Colonial products, as indications of our industrial resources, and to appoint committees for distant localities (with power to add to their numbers), to aid in working out the desired objects; and that such General Committee consist of the following gentlemen, with power to add to their numbers:

His Excellency the Governor, President; Alfred Waddington, Esq., M. P. P., Vice President; the Bishop of Columbia, Bishop Demers, Dr. Evans, Chief Justice Cameron, Mr. Justice Begbie, Col. Moody, R. E., Mr. Attorney General Cary, Mr. Colonial Secretary Young, Mr. Treasurer Gordon, Hon. Captain Spencer, R. N., Captain Richards, R. N., Hon. John Work, Hon. Alfred J. Langley, Hon. Speaker Helmcken, Mr. Surveyor General Pemberton, H. P. P. Crease, Esq., M. P. P., Robt. Burnaby, Esq., M. P. P., Jno. Coles, Esq., M. P. P., Major Foster, M. P. P., Selim Franklin, Esq., M. P. P., W. J. McDonald, Esq., M. P. P., A. R. Green, Esq., M. P. P., Dr. Tolmie, M. P. P., J. J. Southgate, Esq., M. P. P., A. G. Dallas, Esq., Dr. Forbes, R. N., J. McCreight, Esq., C. S. Nichol, Esq., D. McTavish, Esq., Dr. Seddall, R. E., Capt. Gossett, R. E., A. De Cosmos, Esq., L. McClure, Esq., K. McKenzie, Esq., Dr. Rattray, R. N., Chas. Barrett Leonard, Esq., T. Jas. Skinner, Esq., Chartres Brew, Esq., J. P., Capt. Ed. Stamp, A. D. McDonald, Esq., C. B. Young, Esq., C. C. Pendergast, Esq., F. M. Wood, Esq., Jos. Wm. Trutch, Esq., Dr. Wood, R. N., Mr. Postmaster General D'Ewes, Mr. Sheriff Naylor, Mr. Police Commissioner Pemberton, Major DeCourcy, A. C. Anderson, Esq., P. O'Reilly, Esq., J. P., P. H. Nind, Esq., J. P., Capt. Parson, R. E., E. H. Sanders, Esq., J. P., — Ball, Esq., J. P., J. W. McKay, Esq., H. Cormack, Esq., H. Holbrook, Esq.

II. *Resolved*—That a Sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the following members of the General Committee, for the purpose of promoting the collection of specimens bearing on our industrial resources: Capt. E. Stamp, A. De Cosmos, Esq., H. P. P. Crease, Esq., W. J. McDonald, Esq., S. Franklin, Esq., Dr. Rattray, R. N.

III. *Resolved*—That a Sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the following members of the General Committee, for the purpose of collecting specimens of Indian products and manufactures: Dr. Tolmie, J. S. Helmcken, Esq., C. B. Leonard, Esq., Dr. Wood, R. N., Dr. Seddall, R. E., A. C. Anderson, Esq.

IV. *Resolved*—That a Sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the following members of the General Committee, for the purpose of collecting specimens of minerals:

Dr. Forbes, Capt. Gosset, R. E., Mr. Justice Begbie, C. J. Nicol, Esq., C. C. Pendergast, Esq., R. Burnaby, Esq.

V. *Resolved*—That a Sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the following members of the General Committee, for the purpose of collecting specimens of our agricultural products:

T. J. Skinner, Esq., K. McKenzie, Esq., Major Foster, J. Coles, Esq.

VI. *Resolved*—That communications from the General Committee be opened with the different towns in British Columbia, requesting co-operation, and soliciting that names of gentlemen be furnished who may be able and willing to assist in promoting the objects of the meeting. Such gentlemen, either to be placed on the Sub-Committees already named, or else to act independently, as may be hereafter found most advisable.

VII. *Resolved*—That Dr. Wood and J. W. Trutch, Esq., be appointed Honorary Secretaries to the General Committee.

VIII. *Resolved*—That George Tomline Gordon be appointed Honorary Treasurer to the General Committee.

The following names were subsequently added to the General Committee:

Messrs. W. H. Rhodes; J. N. Thain; E. Green; — Mitchell; G. C. M. Sproat; A. Fellows; John Lee; — Dougal; J. T. Pidwell; John Wright; Thos. Troughton; J. Todd; Wm. Banfield, of Semass; — Muir, of Sooke; C. A. Bayley; W. H. Franklin, of Nanaimo; John Humphrey, Cowichan; T. H. Doane; Robt. Laing; — Cameron; — Griffin, San Juan; R. Lewis; Dr. Trimble; Major Downie; Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Fort Rupert; Dr. Benson; Lieuts. Robson and Helly, R. N.; Captain Irvine; J. Begg, of Salt Spring Island; Capt. Mouat; Captain Lewis, of Fort Rupert; Capt. McNeil; Captain Hugh McKay.

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